

Eckerd College Marine Science Upgrades and Enhancements

Proposed Recipient: Eckerd College

Address of Recipient: 4200 54th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711

Amount of the Request: \$2,501,700

Explanation: Funding would be used to upgrade and obtain additional laboratory equipment for Eckerd College's Galbraith Marine Science Laboratory. Specifically, the funds would be used for the addition of three new marine science faculty, support of faculty/student research, faculty development, the installation of a new fiber optic network to the laboratory, the purchase of new laboratory and marine equipment, and the minor renovation of research laboratory space to accommodate the new equipment and introduction of the fiber optic network. These upgrades will allow Eckerd's marine science program to admit and graduate more students who can enter the marine science field and support the needs of Florida's marine-based economy and environment.